

REMARKS:

This amendment is for the purpose of amending the Specification in the original application by amending claims 2, 5, 8 - 9, 11 and 17 - 18 so that claims 1 through 20 remain in this application.

The Official Action rejects claims 2, 5, 8 - 9, 11 and 17 - 18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, it is unclear in each of the claims what the limitations of the phrase "the group comprising" constitutes. Applicants have amended claims 2, 5, 8 - 9, 11 and 17 - 18 by specifically reciting the claimed elements as consisting of elements of the group, the language now consistent with the ruling in regard to Markush group claims as recited in Ex parte Dotter, 12 USPQ 382 (Bd. App. 1931). Applicants therefore believe that the rejection of claims 2, 5, 8 - 9, 11 and 17 - 18 based on 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been overcome. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 2, 5, 8 - 9, 11 and 17 - 18.

Applicants are greatly appreciative of the Examiner's prompt action in the examination of this docket and also greatly appreciative of the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3 - 4, 6 - 7, 10, 12 - 16, 19 and 20.

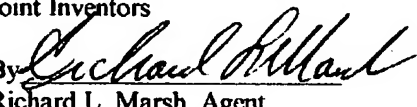
Applicants are appreciative of the art made of record and not relied upon as kindly provided by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended claim 2, 5, 8 - 9, 11 and 17 - 18 to overcome the Examiner's rejection thereof based on 35USC112, second paragraph thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. Thus, claims 1 - 20 remain in this application and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance thereof.

In view of the above, an Action on the merits of this application, as amended, and an allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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